ABSTRACT

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A COMPLETION TABLE CONFIGURED TO TRACK A LARGER NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTIONS

A method, completion table and processor for tracking a larger number of outstanding instructions. The completion table may include a plurality of entries where each entry tracks a consecutive number of outstanding instructions. Each entry may be configured to store an instruction address and an identification of a first of the consecutive number of outstanding instructions. By being able to track a consecutive number of outstanding instructions, such as the length of a cache line, in each entry in the completion table by only storing the instruction address and identification of the first of the consecutive number of outstanding instruction in that entry, the completion table may be able to track a larger number of outstanding instruction without increasing its size.

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